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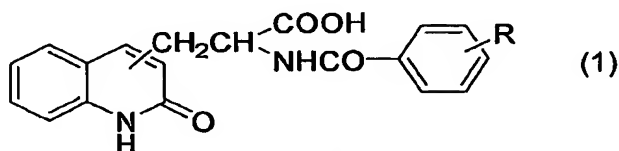
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nucleus is the 3- or 4-position, and the bond between the 3- or 4-positions of the carbostyryl nucleus is either a single bond or a double bond, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. The pharmaceutical composition of the present invention exhibits an accelerating activity of salivation, and is useful in the prophylaxis or treatment of Xerostomia or hyposalivation.

(57) Abstract: Novel pharmaceutical composition for accelerating salivation and for prophylaxis and/or treatment of xerostomia, which comprises as an active ingredient a carbostyryl compound of the formula (1), wherein R is a halogen atom, and the substitution position of the substituent on said carbostyryl